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As Executive Director of Maruzen Company, Ltd., assignee of original Patent No. 6,026,797, I hereby declare that:

Maruzen Company, Ltd. is the sole assignee owning an undivided interest in said original patent granted February 22, 2000, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled

AIR GUN

the specification of which

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as United States Application No. or PCT International Application 11/355,309  
was and amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I believe that the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled AIR GUN are:

Tetsuo MAEDA, a resident of 17-8, Narihira-4, Sumida-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and a citizen of Japan  
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Yuichi TOYODA, a resident of 43-5-201, Oshiage-1, Sumida-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and a citizen of Japan.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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At least three errors upon which this reissue is based are described as follows: (1) Claim 1 and claim 2 each claim "the interior of a hollow portion of the cylinder portion" without providing antecedent basis in the claims. In order to correct the error in language, claim 1 and claim 2 are amended to read "an interior of a hollow portion of the cylinder portion." Basis for an interior of a hollow portion of the cylinder portion is found, for instance, in column 7, lines 39-40, and in Figure 1, reference numeral 8 (which graphically depicts the cylinder portion, showing the sleeve shaped cylinder portion which is hollow, and therefore has an interior). (2) Claim 1 and claim 2 each indicate that "compressed gas is supplied from the valve pin chamber side opening to the gun rear end side." However, based on the disclosure and the preceding portions of the claims, the compressed gas is supplied from the gas inlet port via the valve pin chamber side opening to the gun rear end side. Therefore, the claims are amended to read "the compressed gas supplied from the gas inlet port via the valve pin chamber side opening to the gun rear end side." In order to maintain consistency with the original disclosure and the preceding claim language. See, for example, column 18, line 22 which indicates that the compressed gas is supplied from the gas inlet port. Also see column 4, line 33-34, column 8, lines 28-29, and column 11, lines 53-63; the disclosed sections indicate that gas compressed gas is supplied from the

gas inlet port to the valve pin chamber, and then through the valve pin chamber side opening, and through a clearance formed between the rear end side through hole and the pressing portion, out through a side of the hit pin (on the gun rear end side). (3) Claim 1 and claim 2 each claim "the cylinder" without providing antecedent basis in the claims. In order to correct the error in language, claim 1 claim 2 are amended to read "the cylinder portion" which language is consistent with the language used elsewhere in the claims. See, for example, column 17, line 31.

All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign applications(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's right certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith:

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*April 17, 2006*

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